Member wants, I will give it to him—on watershed associations, on water user groups and on the Joint Forest Management Committee. Sir, it is heartening to note that in many States these user associations have been given control over a large number of areas. For instance, in Andhra Pradesh, 35 per cent of the forest is now covered by JFM groups. In Haryana, it is almost 96 per cent. Sir, I can stop whenever you want. I can speak for a long time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, your answer is quite long. Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Disinvestment in Modern Food Industries

*165. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to disinvest 74 per cent stake in Modern Food Industries (India) Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Modern Food Industries Karmachari Sangh has disputed the value of the current assets of the company at Rs. 109 crores fixed by the evaluator appointed by Government; and

(d) if so, details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Disinvestment Commission recommended 100% sale of Government equity. The Government, however, has decided to disinvest upto 74% of its equity to a strategic partner.

(c) No such represeniation/communication from the Modern Food Industries Karmachari Sangh has been received by the Government.

(d) Docs not arise.